



ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
LAUREL HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
DIVISION OF MUSIC

March 12, 2020

LH Band Parent Families,

I regret to inform you that the marching band's trip to New York City in April has been canceled in light of the current COVID-19 virus pandemic. Dr. Wallace, Mr. Diamond and I have spoken several times regarding this situation and we all feel that exposing our students to one of the most infected areas in the country at this time is simply a risk we are not willing to take.

I have been in contact with the travel agency for about two weeks and have already begun the process of refunding as much of the total cost of the trip as possible. While I do not have an exact figure for you at this time, I can assure you we are doing everything in our power to refund as much of the trip as possible. I am hopeful to have more information in the coming days and will keep you posted via social media and Remind.

In addition, the band parent association meeting for Thursday, March 12, 2020 is now canceled and all future High School Academy of Fine Arts events are canceled until further notice. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at mark.santore@lhsd.org or 724-437-2821 x2192.

As a reminder, any specific health concerns should be directed to your family physician or healthcare provider. Anyone who will be traveling in the coming weeks may also want to take note of the CDC's travel advisory at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. More information on the coronavirus is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

Yours truly,

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